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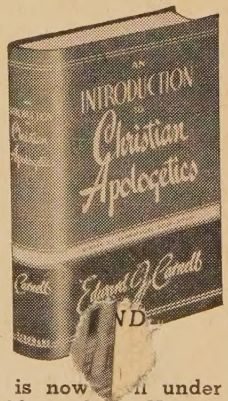

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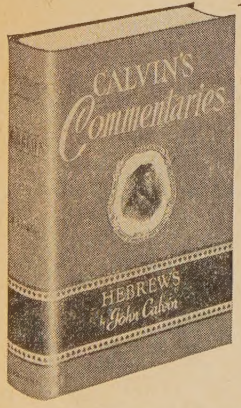

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RUSSIAN BOLSHEVISM AND THE CHURCH

LOUIS R. PATMONT

ANOTHER persecution has come to the Church in Bolshevik Russia. The preaching of the Gospel is being prohibited. Christian preachers are being arrested and the churches are again being closed. The anti-Christ attitude of Bolshevism which the Soviet Union once ascribed to the corruption which existed in the Russian Orthodox church in the days of the Czar is now manifest against evangelical Christians.

While it must be admitted that the Russian state church had drifted far from the apostolic ideal and was even guilty of persecuting all those who came out of its system, after the late Czar Nicholas II issued his ukase granting religious liberty to all faiths in 1904, evangelical Christianity made great strides in the old Russian empire in spite of the state church. The adherents to the simple New Testament faith were numbered by the millions. The revival fires did not cease to burn until the Bolsheviks declared war on the Church soon after they came into power. Since then thousands of Christian families have been uprooted, their churches have been destroyed and multitudes of their preachers were either liquidated or else were sent into Siberian exile. An estimated eighteen million people were destroyed by the Russian Bolsheviks because of their professed faith in Jesus Christ.

Only when an outraged world began to protest these mass murders did the Soviets become apologetic charging that those liquidated were plotting a counter-revolution and were therefore dangerous to the security of the state. They went out of their way to explain that those not found guilty of plotting against the government were free to follow their religious beliefs. What really was meant was that they were "free" to embrace the Communist religion of irreligion.

The spokesman of the League of the Godless, the cruel master of the old GPU, Lunacharski, who was himself liquidated by order of Stalin, often asserted: "We hate all kinds of religion; we hate all kinds of morality." The Bolsheviks have really never deviated from this policy. Even the periodic lulls in their persecutions of the Church when they hypocritically claimed that there was religious liberty in the USSR, were intended not only to "convince" the world of the falsity of the reports to the contrary. These lulls also served to bring out into the open new Christian leaders who were in turn liquidated or else sent into the dreaded Siberian labor camps where only a few victims are able to survive for more than a few months.

My own investigation and the corroborative testimony of the comparatively few victims of the Bolsheviks who have managed to escape have proved conclusively that this claim is not an idle over-statement of fact. The Russian Communists are still militantly anti-Christian. They follow the principles laid down by their prophets, Karl Marx and Friedrich Engel. These men specifically taught that Christianity is a deadly foe of red Communism decades before their teaching was put into practice. The fact that the Soviets found it expedient to convince gullible American preachers as well as Christian leaders in England that such a charge is unfounded, need not confuse us. It was the same Lunacharski who also said "we must promise everything and anything as long as we can get something tangible for it in return." Lenin always taught his disciples to perfect themselves in the art of "deceiving in order to conquer."

Since the beginning of the "cold war" Russian ministers of the Gospel are again being arrested and the evangelical churches and meeting houses are once more being closed. The present persecution started soon after an outstanding Southern churchman had visited the Soviet Union where he became convinced that there was "absolute religious freedom" in that country. His well-illustrated booklet aiming to convince America that all is well with the Church in Russia, is now being circulated by practically every Communist cell in the United States (and also by the "pinks" in both pulpit and pew of many "modernist" churches).

The tragic and appalling story of the new persecution in Russia was told me just the other day by a noted Russian evangelical refugee preacher who is now living in Stockholm. His name is withheld for obvious reasons. He personally witnessed the arrests and attempted arrests of other preachers who were being sought out by the leaders of the All-Russian United Evangelical Union. Well-known one-time exiles who had been liberated on condition that they complete a course in the spy school of the NKVD had themselves elected officers in the ARUEU for the purpose of helping to apprehend the ministers of the Gospel who had been most effective in their preaching. The names of these traitors and modern betrayers of Christ are well-known, as are also their gruesome deeds of

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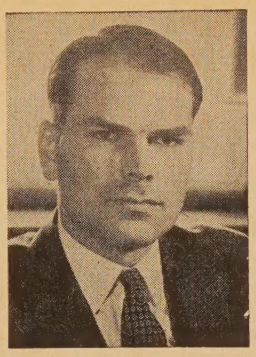

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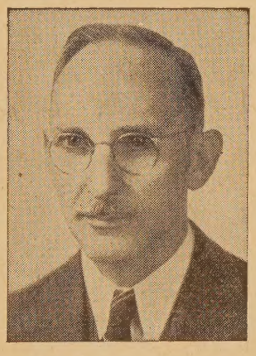

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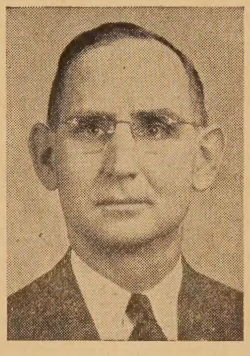

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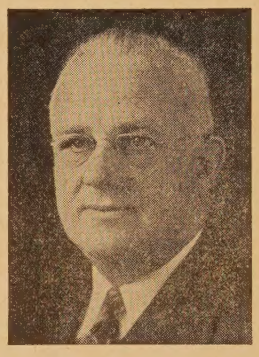

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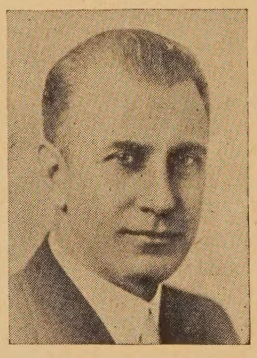

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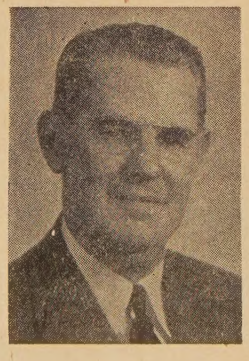

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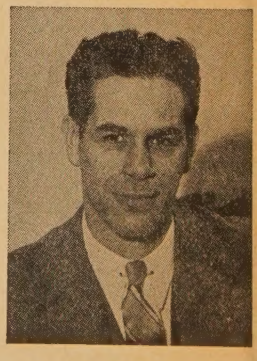

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WHAT THE NAE IS AND WHAT IT IS DOING

R. L. DECKER

THE National Association of Evangelicals is a *service* organization. It exists to help denominations, local churches, mission boards, Christian schools and colleges, associations of ministers, and other inter-denominational and non-denominational evangelical agencies to do *together* what they each can not do alone.

For example, when the Youth for Christ teams desired to enter the American Occupation Zone of Europe it was discovered that permission could not be granted by either the State Department or the Military Administration until an inter-denominational agency of standing in America sponsored the Youth for Christ International and approved of their plan to send teams to Europe. The NAE was just the organization to do this and thus the doors were opened abroad to Youth for Christ teams. The great work accomplished by these teams was thus made possible by *united evangelical action.*

In our own country the question was raised on several state university campuses as to whether Inter-Varsity Fellowship should be allowed on the campus inasmuch as it is not a "church" agency. This problem was solved by the official endorsement of Inter-Varsity by NAE and thus this strong evangelical testimony continued on campuses from which it would have been excluded without the cooperation NAE makes possible.

Such accomplishments are possible because twenty-nine entire denominations and local churches, schools, mission boards and other institutions from twenty-three more denominations are officially affiliated with NAE giving representation to evangelicals of fifty-two denominations. This wide representation on a definitely evangelical basis, for each one affiliated must affirm the seven point NAE Statement of Faith, proves to the Government, and the public in general, that there is a large element in our American churches absolutely loyal to the evangelical faith. Moreover, it demonstrates the agreement of all these people on the basic truths of Christianity and reveals their willingness to cooperate in matters of common concern.

This bringing together of so many different groups in a four year period of time is in itself no small accomplishment. The incidental values are also great. Executives of denominations who never knew each other before have found real fellowship with one another. Without compromising any of their convictions or hindering any of their work for Christ duplications of effort are being avoided. Misunderstandings have been cleared away. New cooperative efforts resulting in greater effectiveness in winning souls have been begun.

As members of the General Staff of NAE and volunteer speakers have held scores of rallies and inspirational meetings in all parts of the country thousands of the Lord's people have been inspired by the way the Spirit of God is moving among His people and many souls have been won in and as a result of the meetings.

Thousands of pastors and Christian workers in denominations whose leadership is liberal have taken on new hope that the tide of modernism is ebbing as they have seen the NAE progress. NAE is for them a standard of the Lord around which they can rally in their battle for the Truth in their churches. There is no other agency than NAE through which these heroic contenders for the faith can come into fellowship with their fellow contenders in other denominations.

Editorials appearing in the *Christian Century* and in the publications of several denominations now affiliated with the Federal Council betray the fears of liberal leaders that NAE is attracting whole denominations who had formerly been counted as safely loyal to the Federal Council.

Since the organization of the NAE the word "evangelical" has suddenly become popular in circles where it was seldom used. As discerning members ask searching questions of pastors and denominational leaders it is heartening to see how they are seeking to live up to the evangelical name they now profess.

Scores of associations of evangelical ministers are springing up in communities all over the land and accomplishing great things for Christ.

NAE is making evangelical influence felt in other lands too. Many complaints of the persecution of evangelicals in Italy have been received by their brethren in this country. Under NAE auspices a representative committee was formed and called on the Italian ambassador to the United States. The committee was prepared to furnish him documentary proof that the guarantee of religious liberty to minority groups in Italy included in the peace treaty with the US and in the Italian Constitution was being flagrantly disregarded. This conference took place on February 3, 1948. On February 4 an order was issued from Rome to release all the prisoners mentioned and to open all the Protestant churches which had been closed. This order affected several denominations in Italy.

Much of the NAE's united evangelical action is carried on through commissions and affiliated organizations. Below are listed a few of their many thrilling accomplishments:

Commission on Missions and Evangelical Foreign Missions Association: Serving over eighty evangelical missions agencies by securing passports, visas and transportation and purchasing, at savings, supplies for over 1,000 missionaries. Twenty-seven mission boards are in full affiliation. Over 5,000 mission-

aries are on the field under these boards!

The Washington Office of NAE enjoys cordial relations with the Department of State, the embassies of foreign countries and members of the Congress. Many permits have been secured for evangelicals in various capacities; necessary contacts with government agencies have been made on behalf of evangelical churches, schools and colleges who desired official representation. Close watch of legislation affecting religious liberty has been kept and testimony on behalf of evangelical interests given at legislative hearings. Progress of legislation has been reported to the evangelical public.

The Office of Transportation and Purchasing in New York: Besides handling over $100,000 of emergency transportation for missionaries, and securing many rare items of supplies for missionaries on the fields, as well as thousands of dollars worth of 'easier to get' items, all at great savings to the missionaries, this office is now making available its purchasing services to full time Christian workers in this country who are evangelical.

Commission on Radio and the National Religious Broadcasters Association: Increased friendly relations between the NAE and the four broadcasting chains have resulted in increasing amounts of sustaining time for evangelical broadcasts, and of opportunities for negotiations regarding other programs. The NRB has adopted a five year program, issues quarterly bulletins of factual information to its entire membership. NRB has the respect of the radio industry as confirmed by this quotation from a communication of the president of the National Association of Broadcasters: "This Association (NRB) represents the most responsible group in the field of Religious Broadcasting."

Commission on Evangelical Educational Institutions: This Commission has brought together representatives of the leading Christian institutions of learning, to consider common problems. It has sponsored group meetings at the NAE conventions for faculty members and administrative officers of seminaries, colleges, Bible institutes, and secondary schools. It has installed a teacher placement service, and under its leadership the Bible Institutes have been encouraged to establish a national accrediting association, which is now functioning as an independent organization. It has set up a committee to develop a comprehensive statement on the Christian philosophy of education, which will do for the conservatives in a measure, what the Harvard Report has done for the liberals.

The National Association of Christian (Day) Schools: has been established, with Mr. Mark Fakkema as the educational director. This association is helping local associations of Christian parents in scores of communities to establish elementary and high schools where their children can be well educated under Christian auspices.

United Evangelical Action—Official Journal of the NAE: is reaching some 36,000 readers twice each month in every state in the Union, and in every province in Canada, and almost every foreign country. The majority of the outstanding religious leaders of America contribute to this journal, and practically all of them subscribe to it. Re-prints of its leading articles have reached hundreds of thousands beyond its own circulation, because it is constantly quoted in other publications and in college and seminary seminars. Religious News Service recognizes *UEA* as giving the most complete news coverage of the evangelical world.

Commission on Church Schools and the National Sunday School Association: have cooperated in sixty-six Sunday school conventions and conferences in twenty-one states and one province in Canada, have conducted two national Sunday school conventions, and assisted sixteen Sunday school associations in getting started . . . have brought into existence the new evangelical Uniform Bible Lesson Series, which already has a circulation of more than a million during the first year of its first cycle.

The NSSA office has counseled scores of pastors and Sunday school workers by correspondence, and published a series of four Sunday school tracts and four Sunday school blotters with a combined circulation of nearly a million.

Chaplain Counselors for Industry: has engaged in two years of intensive research to determine the best methods of training and placing Personnel Advisers whose work will count for Christ in the great industries of our country.

Evangelical Youth: is a cooperative association of Christian youth agencies, coordinating the work making available youth materials to all affiliated youth groups, emphasizing youth evangelism and youth counseling, and is of invaluable aid to the leadership of national and local, denominational and interdenominational youth agencies.

The Commission on Home Missions: is bringing the executives of the Home Missions departments of the various evangelical denominations together and plans are being formulated to work with all evangelicals interested in carrying the Gospel to those deprived of it by such circumstances as institutional incarceration, language barriers, isolation by reason of occupation, sparseness of population in rural areas, etc. Particular attention is given to the problems of juvenile court wards and cooperation with reform schools and prisons where youth are.

The Commission on Army and Navy Chaplaincies: Now that the active hostilities of war have ceased this Commission is referring applications to the Veterans Administration for chaplaincies in the Army and Navy Hospitals. Dr. Hubert T. Spence is chairman.

World Wide Evangelical Cooperation: In 1946 Dr. J. Elwin Wright was authorized to confer with European evangelical leaders regarding the cooperation of American evangelicals with them. Since then an active correspondence has been carried on with them and with the World's Evangelical Alliance of which Mr. H. Martyn Gooch is general secretary. A conference of leaders is scheduled for Lausanne, Switzerland in June, 1948. Meanwhile an Evangelical Association has been formed in Japan. Dr. T. Christie Innes is chairman of the NAE Committee on Worldwide Cooperation.

The War Relief Commission of the NAE: has distributed clothing and food and money relief in France, Belgium, Norway, Holland, Greece, Poland, Germany, Austria, Czechoslovakia, Bulgaria, England, Italy, Roumania, Finland and Hungary. Shipments of Multi-Purpose Food have also been sent to Evangelical Missions in China and the Philippines. Altogether, more than $30,000,000 of food and clothing have been distributed in these countries in the valuations of the countries receiving the goods. Thousands of evangelical churches and individuals

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CHICAGO: NEW CENTER OF AMERICAN ORTHODOXY

J. ELWIN WRIGHT

FOR the third time in its brief history the National Association of Evangelicals will hold its convention in Chicago. Once noted as a center for American "liberalism," it is now (strangely enough) noted for its "orthodox" activities.

Chicago's accessibility to all sections of the country, its adequate provision for handling large conventions, and the fact that within the immediate vicinity there are so many evangelical churches and organizations combine to make it an ideal location.

Twenty-two trunk line railroads, with fifteen hundred passenger trains daily, serve the city. Ten major airlines provide direct passenger service to all parts of the world. There are thirty-nine airports within the city limits.

Increasingly the city is becoming a great center for spiritual activities. Many of the great churches of America are located here, of which Moody Memorial Church, Buena Memorial Presbyterian Church and Midwest Bible Church are worthy of note.

Several evangelical denominations maintain headquarters in the city, as for instance the Evangelical Mission Covenant with its 50,000 constituents, the Independent Fundamental Churches of America, and others.

Mission Boards of several denominations are also located in Chicago, as well as various interdenominational Boards which are cooperating closely with NAE. Among these are the Scandinavian Alliance Mission of North America (300 missionaries); Conservative Baptist Foreign Mission Society (90 missionaries); National Holiness Missionary Society (116 missionaries); Home of Onesiphorus (orphanages in China caring for 600 children); Russian and Eastern European Mission (about 25 missionaries); Russian Missionary Society (50 missionaries).

The world's largest Bible Institute (Moody, with 927 day and 652 evening students) is a point of special interest to all out-of-town visitors. Its radio studios, publishing house (Moody Press) and extension work are models of efficiency in the proclamation of the Gospel. Several other fine institutes are located in Chicago and vicinity, including the Chicago Evangelistic Institute (215 students) and the Lutheran Bible Institute (40 day students and 60 in evening school).

North Park College (Mission Covenant) with 465 academy students, 776 enrolled in the college and 52 in its seminary, is expanding rapidly. Wheaton College, twenty-five miles to the west, enrolled 1,608 students this year aside from 72 in its seminary.

Bethany Biblical Seminary has 161 enrolled for its regular course and 83 in its Bible Training Institute. The Evangelical Free Church Institute and Seminary has a total enrollment of 85. Northern Baptist Seminary, the largest in this area with evangelical emphasis, has 362 enrolled.

Chicago is perhaps the greatest center of evangelical publications in the United States. Beside the publications of the various denominations and missions already noted, several of interdenominational character are outstanding. Good News had an output of 21,279,567 tracts in 1947. Van Kampen Press is publishing 170 books and booklets. Its output in 1947 was 1,050,000 copies. Scripture Press is doing a magnificent work in the Sunday school field. David C. Cook Publishing Company in Elgin is one of the largest publishers of Sunday school lessons and periodicals in America.

Christian Life and Times is attracting nation-wide attention by the adoption of modern journalistic techniques in making the Gospel attractive. *Sunday*, a similar-type magazine, beginning with its May issue, takes another step forward by going to a large-page format, incorporating a monthly "News Letter." *Moody Monthly* has a large and growing circulation.

Chicago is also the headquarters

of several important interdenominational organizations of evangelical faith.

Among these are the Gideons, now housed in a new and attractive location owned by the Association. They have distributed to date more than 2,750,000 Bibles, 10,000,000 Testaments to service men and 3,000,000 to children.

The Christian Business Men's Committee, International, is another organization of growing influence. It now has 192 committees in six countries. The Chicago Committee is the oldest in the United States. It has maintained noon services in The Loop for seventeen years, and a Service Center since 1942 where thousands have been led to Christ.

The Child Evangelism Fellowship has 325 classes in Chicago alone.

The Evangelical Teacher Training Association with offices in Chicago, has 140 cooperating schools and colleges located in six countries.

Best Seller Publicity specializes in signs and posters bearing the message of salvation in selected texts from the Bible.

Christian Writers Institute is the only school of Christian journalism in North America. It now enrolls nearly 1,500 students whose articles are appearing in virtually all of the Christian magazines in the field.

Youth for Christ has over 1,000 established rallies in America and Canada and, in addition, other rallies in forty-six foreign countries. The Netherlands alone has over thirty. There is hardly a month in the year that some YFC team is not on foreign soil.

Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship is working on 227 college and university campuses. More than 360 conversions were reported last year. Over 1,200 volunteered for missionary service. Approximately 8,000 students are now active in this organization, which is reaching out into every section of the United States from its Chicago headquarters.

Last but not least are the activities of the National Association of Evangelicals itself. The national headquarters were removed from Boston to Chicago last autumn to provide the most convenient handling of its great network of services to the evangelicals of America. These offices handle all the general affairs of the organization, including the supervision of the work of local and regional committees and offices. In the same location are two of our important associate organizations—the National Association of Christian Schools and the National Sunday School Association.

Interest in the coming convention is keen throughout the country. The large number of exhibits, sessions on specialized work, reports of progress, inspirational addresses, elections of officers and appointment of commissions will provide a round of events which will intrigue the interest of the delegates and observers who are coming from practically every state in the Union.

LAST CALL FOR CHICAGO!

ROY S. HOLLOMON

WHEN one is taking a trip and the words are heard "First call for dinner!", he is not very much interested. After a while there comes "Second call for dinner!" and his interest quickens. Then there comes the call "Last call for dinner!" and the traveler soon finds his way into the dining car where his appetite is satisfied.

This is the last call for Chicago and the Convention of the National Association of Evangelicals May 3-6. When this issue of UEA reaches its first reader, there will remain only seventeen days until he is due to be in Chicago for this momentous gathering of the Evangelical forces of America.

Does this last call remind any one that he has put off making his reservation in the Congress Hotel? Let him immediately write NAE Headquarters, 542 South Dearborn Street, Chicago 5, Illinois and make the reservation.

Has any exhibitor been negligent about making reservation that his exhibit shall be viewed by the throngs that shall attend, let him write immediately to the same address and reserve exhibition space.

Has anyone been undecided about attending the Convention and has been torn between desires, then let him immediately make up his mind that this Convention is a "must" in the life of an evangelical interested in the swirl of world affairs.

The program is ready (see page 9). Many hearts will be warmed as these great speakers bring their messages of importance to evangelical hearts in America. The man who misses this Convention will have a lifetime to regret it.

Many others have heard the first call for Chicago and the reservations are coming into headquarters. This last call must arouse the laggard and the undecided. Now is the time to decide! Now is the time to act! While the banquet is prepared and the invitations given there comes a time when it is too late and the doors are shut.

Momentous issues are at stake. The world seems literally to be on fire! If there ever was a time that "no man knoweth what a day may bring forth," it is now. Time is running out, maybe faster than we ourselves can anticipate. It is of vital importance that Evangelicals be united for action. The enemies of evangelical Christianity are uniting in ways that are amazing. Let us stand as brethren in defense of the common faith. One of the best ways to attain that end is by attending the National Convention of the greatest body of evangelical Christians in America.

LAST CALL FOR CHICAGO! Don't wait until it is too late. Make that decision to attend now. Write for that reservation today, and meet with the hosts in Chicago at the Congress Hotel May 3-6!

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Chicago Convention Program

MONDAY MORNING—
Meeting of Board of Administration
Registration all day Monday—Congress Hotel

MONDAY—Gold Room
5:00 P.M.—Annual Prayer Service—
Dr. Henry Bast, Grand Rapids, Michigan

MONDAY NIGHT—Gold Room
7:30 P.M.—Youth Rally, Rev. H. K. Sheets, Marion, Indiana, Presiding
Address: Rev. Bob Cook, Chicago, Illinois
Address: "Youth and **The** Faith for Freedom"
—Dr. Bob Jones, Jr., Greenville, South Carolina

TUESDAY—
8:00 A.M.—Prayer Service, Dr. C. I. Armstrong, Houghton, New York
8:30 A.M.—Commission Meetings, Rooms to be announced
10:00 A.M. Meeting of Laymen's Advisory Council Seth N. Rohrer, Elkhart, Ind. chairman
11:30 A.M.—Worship Service in Gold Room, Dr. Harry Hager, Chicago, Illinois

TUESDAY AFTERNOON—Gold Room
2:00 P.M.—Opening Sessions
Devotional—Dr. Paul S. Rees, Minneapolis, Minnesota
2:30 P.M.—Address of Welcome—
Dr. H. A. Ironside, Chicago, Illinois
2:45 P.M.—Response—Dr. E. S. Williams, Springfield, Missouri
3:00 P.M.—Committee Appointments
Nomination
Resolution
Registration and Credentials
3:10 P.M.—Report of Board of Administration—Dr. J. Elwin Wright
3:40 P.M.—Special Music
3:45 P.M.—Address of NAE President—
"Christians and **The** Faith for Freedom"—Dr. R. L. Decker

TUESDAY NIGHT—Gold Room
7:30 P.M.—Education Commission Night, Program to be arranged by Education Commission
Address: "Education and **The** Faith for Freedom"—Dr. Wilbur M. Smith, Pasadena, California

WEDNESDAY—
8:00 A.M.—Prayer Service, Dr. James Henry Hutchins, Pasadena, California
8:30 A.M.—Commission Meetings
10. A.M.—Meeting of Women to consider organization of National Association of Evangelical Women—Mrs. Leslie R. Marston, Greenville, Ill., chairman.
11:30 A.M.—Worship Service in Gold Room, Dr. Harry Hager, Chicago, Illinois

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON—Gold Room
2:00 P.M.—Song and Devotional—
2:30 P.M.—Report of U.E.A.—Dr. James DeForest Murch, Cincinnati, Ohio
Reports of Commissions
2:45 P.M.—Army and Navy Chaplains
3:00 P.M.—Industrial Chaplains
3:10 P.M.—Evangelism
3:25 P.M.—Nominations
Election of Officers
3:55 P.M.—Special Music
4:00 P.M.—Report of Radio Commission
Address: "Radio and **The** Faith for Freedom"—Dr. Theodore H. Elsner, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

WEDNESDAY NIGHT—Gold Room
Religious Liberty Night—Dr. Frederick C. Fowler, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, presiding
"Behind the Scenes in Washington"—Dr. Clyde W. Taylor, Washington, D. C.
Special Music
"Preserving **The** Faith for Freedom"—Dr. Claude A. Watson, Los Angeles, California

THURSDAY—
8:00 A.M.—Prayer Service, Dr. Zeno C. Tharp, Greenville, South Carolina
8:30 A.M.—Commission Meetings
11:30 A.M.—Worship Services in Gold Room, Dr. Harry Hager, Chicago, Illinois

THURSDAY AFTERNOON—Gold Room
2:00 P.M.—Song and Devotional—
Reports of Commissions
2:30 P.M.—Christian Education
2:45 P.M.—Youth
3:00 P.M.—Home Missions
3:15 P.M.—Church Schools
3:45 P.M.—Foreign Missions
4:15 P.M.—Special Music
4:20 P.M.—"Effects of **The** Faith for Freedom"
—Dr. H. J. Ockenga, Boston, Mass.

THURSDAY NIGHT—Gold Room
National Association of Evangelicals Night
Report of Committee on Resolutions
Installation of Officers—Dr. Don H. Householder, Los Angeles, California
Final Address—"Forwarding **The** Faith for Freedom"—Dr. Stephen W. Paine, Houghton, New York

Russian Bolshevism

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shame against the Christian brotherhood.

The above-mentioned Southern churchman might not have been aware of the fact, but he was "taken in" by these skilled agents of the NKVD. He fails to account for the nearly 100,000 Mennonites from the south of Russia whose properties were confiscated and who since the war were carried off into remote exile camps in Siberia. Nor has he furnished an explanation of the mysterious disappearance of half a million Volga Protestants.

While on a relief mission into the Norwegian Finnmark within the Arctic Circle, where the Soviet Union borders for eighty miles on Norwegian territory, I had occasion to interrogate numerous escaped Russian prisoners. I learned much of the tragedy and despair of many thousands of such Russian Christian unfortunates who are either forced to work in the nickel mines of the Petsamo region which once belonged to Finland, or else must slave in the forests and the military establishments of Siberia.

Should anyone still be in doubt as to the Soviet government's real attitude toward the Church, the statement of Stalin himself issued in the form of a manifesto several years ago should be sufficient to clarify his thinking: "We regard religion as one of the greatest enemies of Communism and Sovietism. The fight will be carried on further and with great energy. We want no compromise with the religious world; for the religious aims and our aims are fundamentally hostile to each other. For the moment we will change our fighting tactics against the church. During the past twenty years we have used every sort of force in our fight against religion. That period is at an end. The new period will witness a spiritual fight against religion. This fight will call for even greater efforts than violence. Above all we shall need a large number of highly trained and cultured propagandists. When this second period shall be closed, then a third and last period will be entered upon, in which religion in the Soviet Union will exist only as a historical memory. This, in short, is the goal set for our party, for the godless, for the Young Communists, and for the Soviet Government."

It is to be regretted that many church organizations including some blinded fundamentalists are still laboring under the delusion which holds that the communism of the early church and Soviet Communism are closely related and that the latter is in essence an expression of the "social gospel." They believe that any opposition to the doctrine of communism is in fact an effort to entrench fascism, whereas any informed Christian knows full well that both of these two foul doctrines originate in the pit of hell and that both are incompatible with the teachings, aims and purposes of the Church of Jesus Christ.

To those who are in favor of continued compromise with and appeasement and apology for Communist inroads in America, the anti-religious attitude of Communists is not a matter of serious concern. Their attitude can be more readily understood since modernists are interested less in the advancement of the Christian faith and Christian doctrine than they are in social and political experiments. To such individuals the Lord Jesus Christ is a mere insurrectionist and His followers are supposed to be dedicated to the establishment of a new social and economic order, "either by peaceable means or revolution" if need be.

To be sure, every Christian is desirous of the establishment of the kingdom of God on earth. This "kingdom within us" must find expression in the lives of regenerated individuals but the final phase of the kingdom of God on earth will only be manifested when the Lord Jesus Christ returns, when the will of God will "be done on earth as it is in Heaven" and when "every knee shall bow and every tongue shall confess" Him as Lord.

There is no justification for "Christian Marxism" in the New Testament. It is in reality only a manifestation of Satan disguised as an angel of light. God forbid that America should give way to this disguised anti-Christ movement! Communism here like Bolshevism in Soviet Russia is the enemy of the Church of God.

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What the NAE Is—

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have contributed, and millions of individuals have been the recipients of this relief. The recent Marburg, (Germany) Conference of Evangelical Pastors, when 1,400 evangelical pastors gathered for their first conference since the war, was made possible by the food furnished by the War Relief Commission of the NAE. The pastors could not furnish their own food, and the entertaining city could not furnish it.

The War Relief Commission of NAE gathers relief funds and goods from evangelicals, and channels all of it through established evangelical agencies of proven reliability, for distribution both to Bible-believing people and the unsaved of the countries to which it is sent. Less than one half of one per cent of all the goods gathered have been lost in transit or through lack of distribution facilities.

This tremendous relief program has involved the raising and expenditure of over $2,500,000.

Regional and Local Offices: There are now regional offices of the NAE in Boston, Massachusetts; Detroit, Michigan; Minneapolis, Minnesota; Portland, Oregon; and Los Angeles, California. Local committees have employed full time or part time secretaries in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and Chicago, Illinois.

The New England Fellowship of Evangelicals is a splendid example of NAE's regional program. It maintains a Bible conference center at Rumney, New Hampshire, with three months' continuous program, and a program of Christian education in the public schools of Maine and Vermont, with an enrollment of about 10,000, and a full time staff of seventeen. This Fellowship maintains "released-time" schools in ten towns in New Hampshire and Massachusetts, with a staff of five. A daily broadcast over Station WMEX in Boston of thirty minutes, and a Sunday program over WBZ in Boston of thirty minutes, is one of their projects. Last summer 137 Vacation Bible Schools, with an attendance of over 9,000, were organized and conducted by NEF workers. These are local committees, conducting more than thirty evangelistic campaigns a year throughout New England, with monthly Bible conferences in fifty-four centers, including the cooperation of over 300 churches. The New England Fellowship maintains three book stores, and conducted last year more than 600 special services in over 200 communities, besides the Bible conferences and other meetings previously listed.

CHRISTIAN HOME CRUSADE*

JOHN W. WALKUP

O tremble for the future of our land
If these our children go their present way,
Untaught in Word and law of God, and yet
Their hands shall rule our commonwealth some day!
O tremble for the grief in parents' hearts
When they must surely reap what they have sown;
When their indifferent neglect shall bear
A bitter fruit which they must eat alone.
O tremble, tremble, for their tragic fate,
Children grown old in sin, who leave this earth
And through dark eons, in their hearts find naught
But bitterness for them who gave them birth!
O tremble, thinking of the Judgment Seat
Of Christ, when He shall ask, that solemn day,
"And did you feed my lambs?" O Christian think!
What will there be for you and me to say?—Selected.

THOUSANDS today with real concern are raising their voices in the crisis that faces our land. Christian leaders, educators, governors, businessmen, columnists, radio commentators, civic leaders and law enforcement officials daily ponder the cause and probe for the cure of the breakdown of the American home and the resulting social chaos. Every conceivable weapon is being used to deal with the problem that could easily destroy our great nation from within.

We do not want merely to add to the babel of voices suggesting the cause, for as Christians we know that SIN is the source of all our ills and that man universally has been a delinquent since the Garden of Eden. The remedy, however, is in our possession, and it is our desire to offer a plan which can be a mighty force in effecting the cure.

Luther W. Youngdahl, governor of Minnesota, quoted in *Christian Delinquency* by Robert James Devine, states "Homes that are without the right type of living or Christian idealism are largely responsible for juvenile delinquency. The Church has a great responsibility, of course, but we need a little more of the family altar. The Church can't do it all. Where there isn't the right type of living, thinking and Christian idealism, homes break down." We rejoice that in such high places God has men who do not hesitate to speak out for a return to godliness in our country.

It is my conviction, however, that the Church has not done all that could or ought to be done and, as Dr. Devine's book makes plain, our problem can, to a large extent, be called "Christian delinquency." To remedy this need in my own pastorate in Saint Paul a few years ago, God laid on my heart a plan to stir up my congregation. It immediately drew attention in our city and bore fruit in the homes of our membership. Last year, God laid it on my heart to repeat the effort and to invite other pastors and churches to join me in what I called "The Christian Home Crusade." No less than twenty-one churches, representing eight denominations, shared together in seven stirring weeks of effort to restore godliness to our homes and impress our communities and the city at large that the Church has the answer in the Gospel of Jesus Christ for the delinquent and desperately wicked heart of man.

The time which God led me to choose for the Crusade was one of the factors in its success. From National Family Week, which begins the first Sunday in May, through the succeeding weeks, seven in all, which include Mothers' Day, Children's Day and Fathers' Day, has proved a providential period. The length of time has afforded unparalleled opportunity for an emphasis upon everything vital to the Christian home, and the special days enabled us to take advantage of an interest already kindled in the hearts of our people.

Dr. Wm. H. Lee Spratt, former executive secretary of the Upper Midwest Area of the National Association of Evangelicals was intrigued with the plan and offered to publicize it in his *Upper Midwest Bulletin* last year. Giving it front

*A packet of information is available which will include literature and a bibliography, as well as numerous workable suggestions for groups of churches or individual congregations in cities or rural areas. Address all inquiries to Christian Home Crusade, John W. Walkup, Director, 530 Andrus Building, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

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page space and reaching his sizable constituency, a flood of inquiries from pastors and groups near and far was received. Dr. R. L. Decker, NAE president, has now taken an interest and has advised repeating the Christian Home Crusade on a national scale.

We therefore urge every reader of UEA who might be interested, to promote this plan now in their church or among the pastors and churches of their area.

The possibilities of the Christian Home Crusade are unlimited. Every church organization can be enlisted in some phase of the plan. The Sunday school can crusade for the attendance of entire families; cottage prayer meetings in the homes can be a means of encouraging erection of family altars; instruction classes can be conducted in the regular midweek meeting; church letters, with helpful literature enclosed, can be circulated throughout the membership; young people's societies can stress appropriate topics in their regular meetings and sponsor special activities that will bring parents and their children closer together, strengthening the ties of the home; special sermons will be preached on every phase, family worship, courtship and marriage, the divorce evil, parental responsibility, child training and kindred subjects which warn of the peril and wield a power that will aid in correcting our common problem.

Something *can* be done to stem the tide of godlessness and lawlessness in America. Something *must* be done and something *is* being done by the Church of Jesus Christ. "When the enemy shall come in like a flood, the Spirit of the Lord shall lift up a standard against him." While our country is being flooded with the influence of every paganizing teaching may the Spirit of God unite as in holding forth the Word of Life, crusading for a return to godliness in the American home, that we may be worthy of the tribute paid our evangelical trail blazers, "They were among the most pious Christians the world ever saw and the worthiest citizens the State ever had."

BOOK CHAT

Guide for Your Reading

"John Calvin." Alfred T. Davis. 92 pgs. American Tract Society. $1.50.

This first American edition of an English prize essay is timed with the revival of interest in Calvin. The author calls him the "most Christian man." After a brief biography, there are useful chapters on Calvin's place in the Reformation, Protestantism, music, preaching, art, Christian unity, his opposition to Jesuitism, and Britain's and America's debt to him. —*Carl F. H. Henry.*

"Dwight Lyman Moody: An Annotated Bibliography." Wilbur M. Smith. 221 pgs. Moody Press. $2.00.

One of America's most competent compilers of religious bibliography here presents an index to the literature about Dwight L. Moody, as well as of the writings of the great evangelist. The section of reprints of historical documents glows with interest.—*Carl F. H. Henry.*

"The Christian Faith in the Modern World." J. Gresham Machen. 258 pgs. Eerdmans. $2.50.

This reprint of Machen radio messages, in which the doctrines of Bibliology, Theology, and Christology, come in for popular but solid treatment, is worthy reading. One cannot read Machen without detecting his urgent sense of *message*, and detecting also the source of its authority—a trustworthy Book. — *Carl F. H. Henry.*

"The Practice of Godliness." Abraham Kuyper. 121 pgs. Eerdmans. $1.50.

These nineteen short chapters on the believer's union with Christ, by the well-known Dutch theologian-statesman, hold much interest and challenge. The treatment of the imperfection of the church will not strike a sufficiently high note for all evangelicals, in its suggestion that the dream of a perfect church is a sinful ideal and indicates a dissatisfaction with God's decrees. That sanctification and glorification differ, no Christian will doubt; that sanctification means something more than an imperfect church, is something American evangelicals do not like to obscure.—*Carl F. H. Henry.*

"On the Meaning of Christ." John Knox. Scribners. 117 pgs. $2.50.

A re-evaluation for liberals of the modern relevance of Christ by a leading teacher (Union Theological Seminary). The approach is utterly an empirical one, i. e., elements which are outside of present experience, eg., the nature of Christ, of the resurrection, etc., are waived. "Christ" is defined as the person, but also as the event, which God wrought in and through Jesus. ". . . Jesus Christ was an *act* of God . . . . in Him took place the revealing act of God" (p. 29).

This book is very valuable as an illustration of the effort to preserve the religious values of Christ and of the Gospels while rejecting the orthodox traditional view.—*George E. Ladd.*

"Systematic Theology." Lewis Sperry Chafer. 8 vols. Dallas Theological Seminary. $29.95, set.

The two initial volumes of this important set —a conservative systematic theology from the pre-millennial and dispensational standpoint—is now in print. This is an ambitious project, reflecting a deep reverence for the Scriptures and because of its clear-cut insistence on objective Biblical authority points the way clearly from the doctrinal confusion and uncertainty of liberalism. There is no desire here to pare the great Christian verities to limits suggested by modern non-revelational philosophies and, remaining as it does in close interaction with the Scriptural foundations, the treatment will furnish solid reading for evangelical ministers and workers.

On the critical side, it must be said that the volumes are, for the most part, limited in their ministry to the "household of faith," for there is little examination of competitive viewpoints which hold the commitment of large segments of contemporary thinkers. Those who are within the grasp of liberalism or neo-supernaturalism will not find here an analysis of the weaknesses of such formulations, or a contrast of their positive tenets with the higher Biblical views. In fact, large areas of the past generation of theological thought are by-passed. A

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The EVANGELICAL NEWSFRONT

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—PUBLIC AFFAIRS—

Aid-to-Education Bill Passes Senate

WASHINGTON.—Advocates of the doctrine of "the separation of Church and State" were disappointed that the U.S. Senate passed the Taft aid-to-education bill without deleting the section which allows states to vote federal tax funds to private and parochial schools.

In the preliminary skirmishes an amendment to make such distribution of funds obligatory upon the states was defeated as also was an amendment barring private and parochial schools from its benefits.

The bill is now in the hands of the House of Representatives where a legislative battle is expected.

O'Toole Asks USA Protect the Pope

WASHINGTON, D. C.—A proposal that the United States take the lead in guaranteeing the future safety of Pope Pius XII if Communists win the April Italian elections was made here by Rep. Donald O'Toole (D.-N. Y.).

O'Toole, himself a Roman Catholic, declared in a statement that "a terrible fear has been placed in the hearts" of Catholics lest the Italian government should change "and some fanatic, or group of fanatics, should invade the Vatican and bring harm to this holy man."

"I say," O'Toole asserted, "that our government and the other governments comprising the western bloc of free peoples should and must take immediate steps to insure that the Pontiff be safeguarded both as to person and as to action."

It is understood that plans for the Pope's removal to the province of Quebec in Canada, Argentina, or to Washington have been discussed with responsible government heads.

Religious Forces Split Over UMT and Draft

WASHINGTON, D. C. — Universal Military Training and a new Selective Service draft are live issues in the nation following President Truman's message to the Congress requesting both. The religious forces of the country are divided in their views.

Dr. Daniel A. Poling, Philadelphia Baptist pastor and a member of President Truman's UMT Commission, appearing before the Senate Armed Services Committee declared he "had hope that universal military training may make the draft unnecessary."

Asked for an explanation of church opposition to UMT, Dr. Poling declared that "educational and religious groups have been traditionally opposed" to it and suggested that this opposition had frequently been spearheaded by pacifists.

Opposition to UMT was expressed by Dr. J. M. Dawson, executive secretary of the Baptist Joint Conference Committee on Public Relations, who appeared in behalf of Southern Baptists.

"I am convinced," Dr. Dawson said, "that not even the disturbed condition of the world, and the particular tensions which obtain between the United States and Russia, serious as they may be, call for the enactment of universal military training."

A charge by former Supreme Court Justice Owen D. Roberts that the "organized core of the opposition to universal military training centers is the Communist Party," brought criticism from religious groups seeking defeat of the measure.

Paul Goering, Washington representative of the Mennonite Central Committee, told the Senate Committee on Armed Services, that Roberts' statement was an indirect attack upon his denomination's 400-year-old opposition to all forms of peactime conscription.

He added that the remark was "likely to prove damaging to the anti-UMT cause and might frighten those who have to date held views opposing the measure."

At an earlier hearing, Rev. A. Powell Davies, pastor of the All Soul's Unitarian church here, urged Congress to approve a temporary draft and a long-range program of universal military training. Davies, who recently returned here after seeing the Communists take over Czechoslovakia, said both the draft and UMT should be put into effect though they might lead to war.

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Petition for Anti-Garb Bill Filed with State

BISMARCK, N. D.—The North Dakota Committee for Separation of Church and State has filed a petition, listing 17,706 signatures, to place on the primary election ballot of June 29 a measure to prohibit teachers in public schools from wearing religious garb. The required minimum to place a measure on the ballot is 10,000.

Champaign Resumes Religious Instruction

CHAMPAIGN, Ill.—(RNS)—Religious education classes for local school children were resumed on Monday, April 5, in church and organizational buildings under sponsorship of the Champaign Council on Religious Education.

The Council now provides buses to carry children of grade schools who are not within walking distance of the buildings.

Early in March the Council, in compliance with the recent U. S. Supreme Count ruling banning religious instruction in public schools, voted to discontinue the classes and work out a program for religious training outside school buildings.

Protestant classes are now held every week-day afternoon beginning as soon as possible after pupils are dismissed from school. Catholic classes are held three afternoons a week, and Jewish classes on Saturday and Sunday mornings.

Announcement of the new schedule was made here by Miss Mae Chapin, chairman of a teacher-minister committee. In addition to Bible study and Bible story film strips, movies and records of a religious nature will be used in the classes, she said.

"Released-Time" Is Banned in Michigan

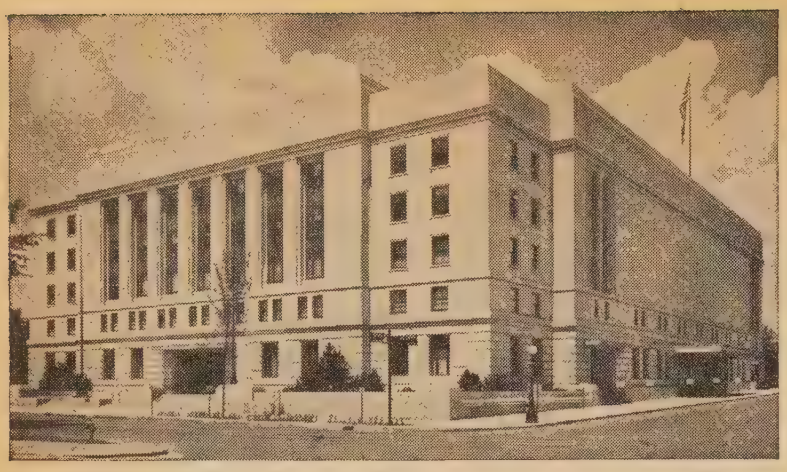
LANSING, Mich. —(RNS)— Official cooperation with churches in promoting religious education has been denied to public schools in this state by the Michigan Department of Public Instruction.

The department's verdict was based on a study of the recent U.S. Supreme Court decision in the Champaign case.

Mrs. Caroline W. Thrun, the department's legal adviser, and Dr. Lee M. Thurston, deputy superintendent of state public instruction, issued the opinion.

"Religious training classes may not be conducted in public school buildings, nor can Michigan's compulsory school law be used in any way to enforce attendance at sectarian training classes elsewhere," their statement said.

Mrs. Thrun declared that the Federal tribunal's decision overrules a Michigan attorney general's opinion in 1925



WHERE CONSERVATIVE DISCIPLES OF CHRIST WILL GATHER

Illinois State Armory, Springfield, Ill., will be the scene of preaching and fellowship of thousands who will attend sessions of the North American Christian Convention (UEA, March 1), April 21-25. Conservative elements of this communion are exceedingly active in education, missions, evangelism and all phases of Christian work.

that there are no legal barriers against school boards working with clergymen in a cooperative arrangement to foster religion.

"The decision means," she said, "that there is no way in which a local school board can cooperate with a religious group in making religious education a part of the public school day or using public school buildings for that purpose. The local board is simply without authority to cooperate."

Government Agencies Mull Over Champaign Decision

WASHINGTON, D. C.—(RNS)—Apprehension continues in some branches of the government over what the ultimate effect of the Supreme Court's Champaign case decision may be.

The 8-1 decision of the high court banned religion instruction in school buildings but left unclear whether released-time religious education programs conducted off school premises were affected.

Religious activities of the chaplaincy, at federal prisons and at West Point and Annapolis are viewed here as possible targets for attack.

At West Point and Annapolis, where cadets and midshipmen attend compulsory chapel services conducted by government-financed chaplains in government-owned chapels, the situation was regarded as "definitely" open to attack.

Sees Chaplains Corps Now Unconstitutional

LOUISVILLE, Ky.—(RNS)—*The Record*, official newspaper of the Roman Catholic archdiocese of Louisville, declared here that the Army and Navy chaplains corps are unconstitutional.

"We submit," the paper said, "in all seriousness, that, on the basis of the concept of the 'separation of Church and State' adopted and promulgated by the Supreme Court in its recent decision on the Champaign, Ill., 'released-time' program of religious education, the existence of an Army and Navy chaplains corps is clearly unconstitutional.

"If it can be stated flatly that to use tax-supported public-school buildings for the dissemination of religious doctrines is unconstitutional, how can it be constitutional to use tax money to erect chapel buildings destined exclusively for religious services?"

Oregon Permits "Released-Time"

SALEM, Ore.—(RNS)—Religious instruction on a "released-time" basis, off school property, is permissible for Oregon public schools, according to a ruling by Attorney General George Neuner. In some communities, principally Portland, such a program had been in effect, but in others the classes were conducted in school buildings.

RADIO

NAB Adopts Religious Broadcasting Standards

WASHINGTON, D. C.—(RNS)—The National Association of Broadcasters has reaffirmed its determination to "honor man's right to religious freedom, and the sanctity of his marriage and his home,' and to "protect and uphold the dignity and brotherhood of man regardless of race, faith or national origin."

The statements highlight a one-page creed which has been added to Standards of Practice for American broadcasters, recently released in a new revised form to the Association membership.

The Standards also include a section on religious programs which declares that "broadcasting, which reaches men of all creeds simultaneously, should avoid attacks upon religion."

It is further stated that:

"Religious programs should be presented respectfully and accurately, and without prejudice or ridicule.

"Religious programs should be presented by recognized and responsible groups and organizations.

"Religious programs should place emphasis on broad religious truth, excluding the presentation of controversial or partisan views not directly or necessarily related to religion or morality.

"Offers contained in religious programs should be confined to free copies of religious literature of free mementos of a religious nature."

First introduced at the Association's convention in Atlantic City last September, the Standards have been revised by a restyling committee and were approved by the Association's Board of Directors at its meeting in Hot Springs in February.

When the NAB Management Conference is held in Los Angeles, May 17-18, a special session will take place for the membership to discuss the new document and make any further suggestions for Board review. Authority for final promulgation of the Standards has been given the Board of Directors.

It is pointed out that the Standards are "self-imposed, self guided, self-perpetuated, subject only to such change as may be dictated by the interest of the people."

Move Toward FCCCA Super Radio Control

NEW YORK—(RNS)—Aimed at helping Protestant churches develop and administer a "unified religious radio ministry," a Protestant Radio Commission was formed here at a meeting for forty church executives. (See UEA March 1)

The Commission, representing fifteen denominations and eight interdenominational agencies, will have as its chairman Charles P. Taft, president of the Federal Council of Churches.

One of the first projects of the new Commission will be to conduct a "broadly envisaged and carefully formulated" research study of religious radio.

The Commission will also provide technical counselling services to state, city and local councils of churches; sponsor national network religious programs; represent Protestantism or interfaith broadcasts; serve as liaison between the churches and the Federal Communications Commission; and seek to develop "intelligent radio listening on the part of church people."

Immediate plans of the new group call for the gradual merging of all Protestant radio activities. Hope was expressed that the radio ministries of the Joint Religious Radio Committee and the department of radio of the Federal Council of Churches would continue but would merge as soon as possible under PRC administration.

Until the proposed National Council of the Churches of Christ in America is established, the Commission will be "administratively anchored" within the Federal Council. When organized the National Council will merge the activities of all eight Protestant interdenominational agencies.

Other officers elected at the meeting here: Dr. Truman B. Douglass, executive vice president of the board of home missions of the Congregational Christian Churches, vice chairman; Dr. Paul C. Payne, president of the International Council of Religious Education, vice chairman; Harper Sibley, former president of the U. S. Chamber of Commerce, treasurer; and Dr. JJ Quinter Miller, associate general secretary of the Federal Council of Churches, acting executive secretary.

—UNITED ACTION—

California Convention Is Unqualified Success

LOS ANGELES—March 7, 8, 9 were three great days in the Pacific slope history of the National Association of Evangelicals. These three days marked the First Annual Regional Convention of Evangelicals in Southern California. After months of prayer and preparation, the convention opened with a mass meeting on Sunday afternoon at Trinity Methodist Church of Los Angeles, of which Drs. Robert Shuler and D. H. Householder are the pastors. Two addresses marked the occasion. Rev. Clyde W. Taylor of Washington, D. C., spoke on, "The Evangelical Front in Washington" He was followed by Dr. Harold John Ockenga of Park Street Church, Boston, who delivered a splendid message on, "The Word of God and the Evangelical Faith."

Convention speakers were engaged in addressing various congregations throughout Los Angeles both morning and evening of the opening day.

Delegates from all over California and Arizona gathered on Monday for the first full day of the convention. The day began with a wonderful prayer meeting at 9:30. The annex-auditorium of Trinity Methodist Church was filled with those who came to pray for God's blessing upon the convention and its meetings.

The mid-morning gathering was addressed by Dr. Carl F. H. Henry, professor at Fuller Theological Seminary on, "Formulating a Christian Philosophy of Education."

An unusual afternoon meeting followed with an address by Dr. Frank Gigliotti of La Mesa, on "The Struggle for Religious Liberty." The speaker, a Presbyterian minister, served as a member of the Government's Office of Strategic Services during the World War II.

Following the two o'clock service came the group conferences. Simultaneous meetings were conducted by the Foreign Missions Commission, Rev. Clyde Taylor, director; the War Relief Commission, Mr. Frank Lombar, director; the National Association of Christian Schools, under the direction of Mr. Mark Fakkema and the National Sunday School Association with Rev. A. L. Brown of Winona Lake, Indiana, in charge.

The special features of the evening service were the two messages delivered. Dr. R. L. Decker, president of the National Association of Evangelicals spoke on, "The Evangelical Faith and United Action — Now!" Dr. Ockenga followed with a masterful address on, "Europe Is Our Problem."

The same schedule of activities was followed on Tuesday, the closing day of the convention. In the morning service Dr. Decker brought a message on, "Primary Principles of Protestant Co-operation." Dr. J. Elwin Wright of Boston spoke in the afternoon on, "New Horizons in Evangelical Co-operation." The group conferences followed.

The convention closed with a mass meeting which was addressed by Dr. Wilbur M. Smith, professor at Fuller Theological Seminary of Pasadena. His subject was, "Ultimate Human Destiny —Determined Only by Christ." With this service, the "Faith for Our Times" convention passed into history. A new impetus was given the cause of evangelical Christianity in the great southwest and already the evangelicals of this area are thinking of the possibilities of even a greater convention next year!

Santa Cruz Pastors Ask Day of Prayer

SANTA CRUZ, Calif.—The Santa Cruz Ministerial Fellowship has asked the President of United States to call a special World Day of Prayer in view of the current world crisis. Their resolution reads:

"The Santa Cruz Ministerial Fellowship is aware that the present strained world conditions are alarming. We consider the encroachment of Communism a serious threat to Democracy and the Freedom of Humanity.

"We are gravely concerned over the present world trends and desire to do what we can to correct such conditions. We are fully persuaded that God is interested in Demoracy and the Freedom of the peoples of the world. Surely the cause for which we are striving demands our earnest prayers.

"In view of these facts the Santa Cruz Ministerial Fellowship wishes to request that you designate a day, preferably Sunday, as a 'World Day of Prayer,' and that such a day be observed prior to the national election in Italy."

Rev. L. D. McCall is president of the Santa Cruz group and Rev. Victor Lundgren, secretary.

Fresno Evangelicals Plan Annual Meeting

FRESNO, Calif.—The annual business meeting of the Fresno Conference of the National Association of Evangelicals will be held on May 11 at the Fresno Full Gospel Tabernacle, 2530 Divisadero Street, at 8 p. m.

Fresno evangelicals joined in conducting noon-day services in a downtown theatre during "Holy Week." A different minister brought the message each day. Music was furnished by the quartet which sings on the regular NAE radio broadcast, students of the Pacific Bible Institute and others. On Easter Sunday morning there was a largely-attended service in Courthouse Park. Rev. J. C. Brumfield brought the message and the eighty-piece band and chorus of the Southern California Bible College furnished the music.

NAE Recognized in Government Agency

WASHINGTON, D. C.—The division of public relations of the State Department in Washington has invited the representative of the Washington office of the National Association of Evangelicals to sit in on the Committee of Religious Bodies which functions as a liaison committee between the State Department and the churches of America. Only over-all representative bodies are invited to this committee.

—INTER - CHURCH—

Eastern Orthodox Issue Still Perplexes WCC

NEW YORK.—A bid to the Russian Orthodox Church and other Eastern Orthodox bodies to join the World Council of Churches was made by Dr. W. A. Visser 't Hooft at the third annual conference of national reconstruction committees, held at St. Cergue, Switzerland, under sponsorship of the World Council. Dr. Visser 't Hooft is the general secretary of the World Council.

Declaring that he wanted to clear up a misunderstanding that the ecumenical movement is only a Western movement, he emphasized that the World Council "seeks to serve the interests of Christendom as a whole, irrespective of political considerations." He promised that the Council "will, therefore, continue to strive for a clear manifestation of the solidarity

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CONGRESS HOTEL TO HOUSE NAE CONVENTION

This Chicago hostelry has been placed at the disposal of Evangelicals May 3-6 for their sixth annual meeting. Headquarters, exhibit rooms, conference rooms, auditorium, banquet halls and private accommodations will all be under one roof. Every state in the union is to be represented in this gathering.

UEA EDITORIAL

MURCH:

Evangelicals at Chicago

TIDES of evangelical action are rising higher and higher. "Liberalism" has been halted and now finds itself on the defensive. This is the good news that will be on the lips of evangelicals as they gather in Chicago May 3—6 for the sixth annual convention of the National Association of Evangelicals.

The NAE does not assume credit for this growing victory. It has been a tremendous factor in it. But there has been and is an evident leading of the Holy Spirit in many people in many places, without preconceived human planning.

In the field of *education* hundreds of evangelical schools and colleges have sprung up all over the land. These institutions are rapidly growing to maturity with strengthened faculties, buildings worth many millions and large students bodies. They are training more men for the ministry and other fields of full-time Christian service than all the liberal schools combined.

In *foreign missions* scores of new agencies have come into being to offset the blight of liberalism in many of the older societies. Together with long-established agencies which have remained evangelical they are sending out more new missionaries than ever before. Evangelicals are building missionary radio stations around the world, training pilots to fly missionary planes into untouched areas, and utilizing recording devices, motion pictures and every other modern discovery to spread the old Gospels to the ends of the earth.

In *evangelism* there have been thousands of Pentecostal fires lit where liberalism had seemingly succeeded in smothering the desire for souls.

In the *publication* field millions of copies of evangelical literature are again pouring from the presses and are being assiduously distributed in every nook and cranny of the nation. New magazines, new books, new tracts of manifest quality are being created daily by a new army of capable thinkers, writers, editors and publicists.

With American *youth* engulfed in the most sinister tide of delinquency and crime in the history of the nation it remained for the evangelical Youth for Christ movement to challenge them with the saving power of the Gospel. On Saturday night (of all nights!) millions of run-of-mine youth throng the greatest auditoriums of the nation to hear and see Christ lifted up. State university and other secular college campuses have been invaded by Inter-Varsity Fellowships reaching the rising generation of "intellectuals."

American *business men* are pointed "to the Lamb of God who taketh away the sin of the world" in thousands of Gideon camps, Christian Business Men's Committee meetings, and Breakfast Club gatherings.

And so we might go on!

Slowly but surely these elements are recognizing the National Association of Evangelicals as the most promising medium of cooperation at the national level. They are more and more convinced that the forces of evangelical Protestantism should present a united front and move forward according to some reasonably integrated strategy.

In the NAE these forces find an agency which gives a clear ringing testimony to the fundamentals of the Christian faith. They find communion with men of like mind and heart. They find fellowship in exalting the Lord Jesus Christ to the nation in its hour of crisis. They find intelligent leadership aganist the forces of secularism, naturalistic liberalism, governmental atheism and ecclesiastical apostasy. They find an absence of all forms of bigotry, intolerance, misrepresentation, hate, jealousy, false judgment and hypocrisy. The NAE is the answer to their desire for a constructive, wide-visioned program for united evangelical action.

How thrilling it will be to hear the reports of progress at the end of another year of NAE activity. Will YOU join with the hosts at Chicago May 3—6 and lend your encouragement and advice in planning the next steps of this glorious movement? You are most cordially invited.

WRIGHT:

A False Doctrine

THE time has come for some straight thinking in the light of God's Word on the subject of "separation", which perhaps ought to be called "schism" instead. Schism is exactly what a certain small but very vocal section of Protestantism is fighting for with vigor and determination, although without logic or Scriptural backing.

The lone scripture on which the doctrine is made to hang is found in II Cor. 6:17, "Wherefore, come out from among them and be ye separate saith the Lord, and touch not t
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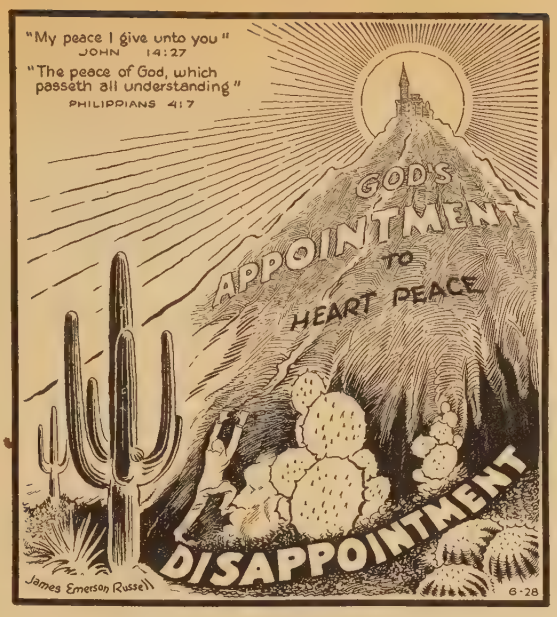

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On to Higher Ground!

more clearly the point at which they believe apostasy in a church calls for withdrawal of its faithful members in order that they may not be excommunicated by these self appointed judges.

Let's suppose a church has 1% of heretics on its roster. Must the 99% who are believers withdraw in order to obey the call to separation? Or should they only withdraw when 5%, 10%, 40% or 50% give evidence of being heretics? This point needs to be made clear.

Frankly and seriously why not face the fact that the matter of separating from one's church is, of necessity, a question which must be left to the individual as he seeks the will of the Lord. While we insist that "separation," as it has been interpreted and as it has been made the battle cry of the Schismatics, is a false doctrine, we recognize the fact that unbelief has been allowed to go so long unchallenged and unrebuked in certain churches that it would seem impossible to bring about a change. Under these conditions we see no point in continuing to fight against insurmountable odds when there are other companies of faithful believers with which one may fellowship in peace and unity.

We recommend a restudy of this matter of separation and, at the same time, a study of the Scriptures on the carnality of those who propagate divisions and schisms in the Church.

POTPOURRI

Protestantism in Italy is being driven into collaboration with the Communist Party. Protestants had hoped that American aid to Gasparri would eventuate in freedom of worship and release from Papist persecution. This has not been the case. The Truman Administration with its Vatican envoy has played completely into the hands of the Romanists who are now more arrogant than ever in their treatment of Protestants. The only aid and comfort being given non-Catholics is by the Communists. Despite Protestant distaste for Communism they see their only hope of survival in a political alliance with Togliatti. At least, our latest advices from Rome indicate this to be the trend of affairs. Shame on Washington!

Our Supreme Court better get together with itself and make something consistent out of its decisions on "released-time" religious education and on the New Jersey school-bus law. Change one word in Justice Black's opinion of March 8 (substitute *buses* for *system*) and it reads like this: "It is beyond all question a utilization of the tax-established and tax-supported public school buses to aid religious groups to spread their faith." We venture the assertion that the Supreme Court has not heard the last of the school-bus issue.

Travelers in Latin America are bringing back reports of a recent development in the Communist technique in Latin America. Large, spacious well-appointed Communist book stores are being opened in the major capitals of Latin America. These book centers are being used as a base for the sending out and distribution of millions of copies of Communist literature. The EFMA's venture in setting up evangelical book stores in this area is most timely.

Evangelicals have been saying it for a long time but now comes Prof. T. W. B. Osborn, in a recent issue of the *Hibbert Journal*, to remark that pure intellectual progress involves an ever-increasing type of secularism which practically eliminates religion. As humanity develops under such leadership it places constantly increasing stress upon purely scientific procedures, with the result that everything else is pushed to the background. The course of current history furnishes abundant proof of the theory.

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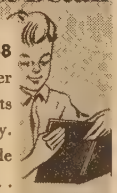

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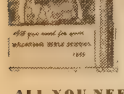

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Inter-Church

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between the Christian churches in all parts of the world."

Meanwhile a pan-Orthodox Congress was being announced for Moscow by leaders of the Russian Orthodox church. The congress is scheduled to take place under the presidency of Patriarch Alexi, supreme leader of the Russian church. Among matters to be discussed will be relations with the World Council.

The attitude of several church bodies in the World Council toward the participation of a Moscow-dominated Eastern orthodoxy might well precipitate serious charges in the Council.

Baptists Evicted from Federal Housing Unit

CHEYENNE, Wyo.—A picket marched up and down in front of the Cheyenne Methodist Church on a recent Sunday morning to protest the eviction of the Cheyenne Baptist Temple congregation from the community auditorium in Careville, a government housing project.

Rev. C. C. Hoyt, pastor of the Methodist church and active in the local ministerial association, pointed out that when the federal housing project was opened the ministerial body agreed that any services conducted there would be cooperative and non-denominational or undenominational.

Rev. N. T. Wheeler, pastor of the Baptist Temple, holds that neither the federal authorities nor the ministerial organization had any lawful right to debar American citizens of any faith from establishing a church in their own community.

The picket, a World War II veteran, carried a sign which read: "I fought for freedom of worship. My name is William M. Harris. Modernists of the Cheyenne Ministerial Association have forced the Cheyenne Baptist Temple to hold their services outside in the cold. Is your pastor a modernist?".

World Alliance Is To Be Dissolved

NEW YORK—(RNS)—The World Alliance for International Friendship Through The Churches, with headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland, will be dissolved June 30, it was announced here by John Inman, assistant secretary of the Alliance in the United States.

Main reason for the dissolution, according to Inman, was that the Euro-

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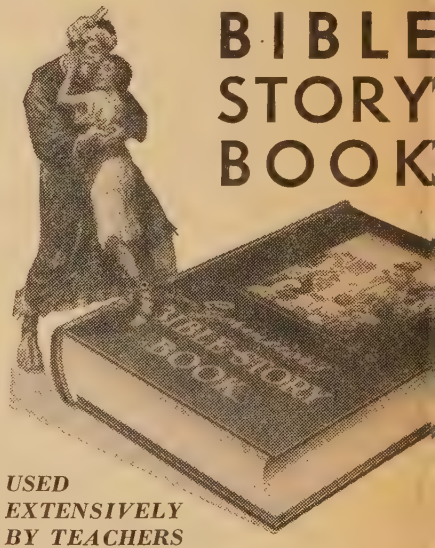

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pean World Alliance, founded in 1914, unlike the Alliance in the U. S., was wholly a Protestant group with Greek Orthodox participation. By dissolving the European Alliance, it was stressed here, members would be freed to cooperate fully with the World Council of Churches.

Threat to Union of South India Church

MADURA, India—(RNS)—Efforts to cope with "the first major threat" to its union were made here at the first synod of the new Church of South India which came into existence last September as an amalgamation of Anglican, Congregational, Methodist, Presbyterian and Dutch Reformed elements.

It was announced that the threat had come from the decision of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, mission organization of the Church of England, to withdraw support from missionaries and pastors affiliating with the united Church. This decision, the synod was told, had had especially serious effects in two northern dioceses of the new union.

—EDUCATION—

$800,000 Science Hall for Calvin

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich.—On March 15 President Charles E. Schultze of Calvin College broke ground for a new $800,000 Science Building. The event took place before a large audience of students and friends of the institution. March 15 is the anniversary of the founding of the school. Dr. Schultze used the same shovel which was used to break ground for the Administration Building in 1916. Contractors began excavation work immediately and construction will be pushed as rapidly as possible.

Wheaton Professor to Head Ethiopian School

ADDIS ABABA, Ethiopia.—Emperor Haile Selassie has undertaken the establishment of a new university in Ethiopia. The plan is to provide a liberal arts course of two years similar to what is being offered in American junior colleges. Professor Charles J. Fowler, a former lecturer in Anthropology in Wheaton College, has accepted the work of carrying out the initial arranging. He will remain in Ethiopia for three years.

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Construction Begins On Men's Dormitory

WOLLASTON, Mass. —Dr. L. T. Corlett of Northwest Nazarene College recently concluded a successful revival at Eastern Nazarene College and the Wollaston Church of the Nazarene. Prior to the revival Dr. Corlett delivered the John Gould Memorial Lectures at the college.

Since the revival the contract has been let for "Memorial Hall" the new men's dormitory. The building will cost over $200,000. The cornerstone will be laid during the Commencement season. Dr. Samuel Young is president of ENC.

Christian Day School Plans $100,000 Building

FREMONT, Mich.—A $100,000 building is being planned to replace the frame structure of the Fremont Christian Day School. Some $65,000 has already been raised for the project.

The new school will contain six classrooms, kindergarten room, gymnasium-auditorium, administrative offices, etc.

At present the school has an enrollment of 205 pupils and a faculty of six teachers. Mr. Elmer Holkeboer is principal.

Moody Announces Inaugural Event

CHICAGO—Formal inauguration ceremonies for Dr. William Culbertson, new president of Moody Bible Institute, will be held in Moody Memorial Church at 8 p. m. May 13, according to recent announcement by Institute executives.

Main speaker for the occasion will be Dr. Harold S. Laird, pastor of First Independent Presbyterian Church of Wilmington, Del. A reception will follow in Institute dining rooms.

Dr. Culbertson suceeds the late Dr. Will H. Houghton in the executive post. Other leaders of the sixty-two-year-old Bible school have included Dwight L. Moody, founder; Reuben A. Torrey and Dr. James M. Gray.

Denver Organizes to Entertain NSSA Meet

DENVER, Colo.—The local committee in charge of arrangements for the third annual convention of the National Sunday School Association to be held here October 13-15 has announced that the gathering will be held in the great Central Presbyterian Church in the heart of Denver.

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YOUTH

Word of Life Rally Challenges Thousands

PHILADELPHIA, Pa—Fifteen thousand enthusiastic and wildly applauding listeners packed Convention Hall to the "ridgepole" on the evening of April 3 for the Word of Life Rally, while such celebrities as Beverly Shea, Carlton Booth, Norman Clayton, the Evangel Trio of Toronto, the Kallman Home Band of Brooklyn and others brought a cascade of Gospel music for more than an hour.

The climax of the meeting came at 8:45 when Jack Wyrtzen, dynamic, hard-hitting Gospel preacher, mounted the platform to bring a challenging message from John 1:35.

In answer to the invitation to surrender to Christ more than 200, mostly of the high school and college age, streamed to the front in public acknowledgment of their decision to accept Christ as Saviour and Lord. At least 400 others stood in the audience to pledge full time service.

The meeting was sponsored by the Christian Business Men of Philadelphia and supported by the evangelical churches generally. The NAE called off the banquet which had been arranged at Town Hall to give its support to the meeting.

Salvation Army Announces A Two-Year Youth Program

NEW YORK—(RNS)—In an effort to build a more wholesome spiritual environment for the nation's youth, the Salvation Army has drawn up a ten-point, two-year program, it was announced here by Commissioner Ernest I. Pugmire, national commander.

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Detroit Church Wins 1,475 Members in Year

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Temple's successful evangelistic program is largely due to its general visitation program. Some weeks ago 353 members covered the entire city of Detroit following up interested persons, looking for prospects and securing decisions for Christ.

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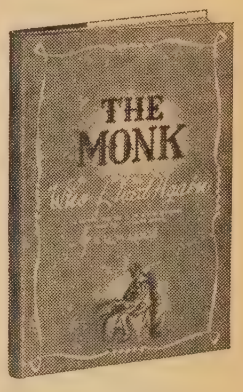

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—ASSEMBLIES—

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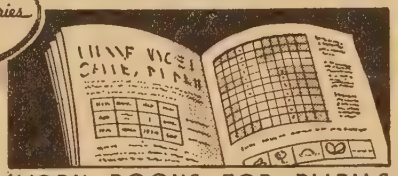

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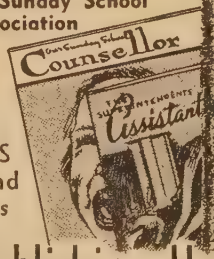

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New Jersey Gideons In 32nd Convention

NEWARK, N. J.—The thirty-second Annual State Convention of the New Jersey Gideons will be held here May 14, 15, 16. At the Annual Banquet in Hotel Essex House Dr. Vincent Brushwyler will be the speaker. Reservations for the convention are to be sent to F. Russell Esty, 116 Mountain Ave., Summit, N. J.

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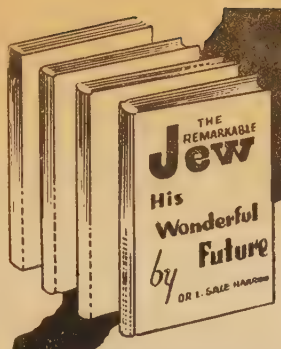
About 800 elected delegates, repre-enting 150 annual conferences, 66 ishops, and 92 overseas delegates are expected to attend the meetings, which will get under way with a pro-essional, led by the Boston University and on Wednesday morning, April 28.

John Foster Dulles, Congressman Walter H. Judd of Minnesota, and Dr. Louie D. Newton, president of the Southern Baptist Convention, are among the principal speakers schedul-ed to appear at the evening programs.

Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam of New York will deliver the episcopal ad-dress on the first night of the twelve day gathering. This speech presents the composite convictions of all the bishops of the Church.



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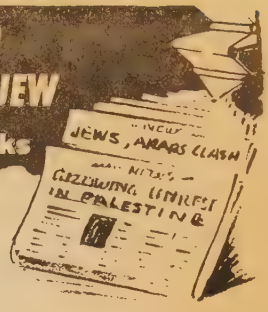

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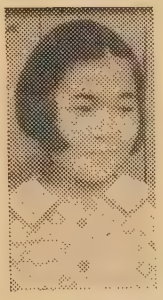

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The headquarters for the Conservatives will be the Hotel Wisconsin. Dr. W. H. Murk, of Temple Baptist Church, St. Paul, Minnesota, is the chairman of the Program Committee. Among the principal speakers announced are: Dr. Carl F. H. Henry, of Fuller Seminary; Dr. Torrey Johnson, Youth for Christ; Dr. R. L. Decker, National Association of Evangelicals; Dr. W. H. Lee Spratt of Denver, Colorado; Dr. Walter Pegg, of California; Rev. E. B. Hart of Corvallis, Oregon; Rev. Curtis Akenson, Minneapolis; Evangelist McCormick Lintz, Dr. James McGinley, Billy Graham, of Youth for Christ; R. G. LeTourneau, a Christian business man; and others to be announced later.

Conservatives are determined to raise the evangelical standard in the Northern Baptist denomination.

GARB to Meet In Grand Rapids

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich.—The annual meeting of the General Association of Regular Baptist Churches will be held May 17-20 in the Wealthy Street Baptist Church, here of which Dr. D. O. Fuller is pastor. Other Regular Baptist Churches of the area will assist in the entertainment of messengers, and in the music of the sessions.

The Association, which was formed sixteen years ago, now numbers more than 465 churches.

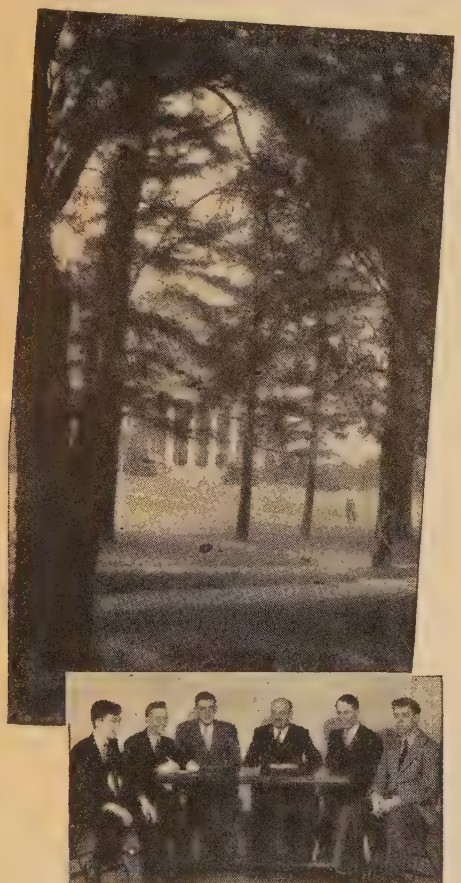
The sessions begin on Monday night with a message by Rev. Donald MacKay of Gary, Indiana. Other evening speakers will be Rev. Donald McDonald of Cleveland, Ohio, Rev. Vernon Grounds, dean of the Baptist Bible Seminary, Johnson City, New York, and Rev. A. Donald Moffat and Rev Joseph McCaba who will conduct a missionary rally on Wednesday evening.

MISSIONS

Missionary Literature Group Elects Officers

DAYTON, O.—On March 1 and 2 Christian Tabernacle here was the scene of the First Congress for Evangelical Missionary Literature, and the movement got away to an auspicious start. The evening services were well attended. Rev. Clyde W. Taylor, executive secretary of the Evangelical Foreign Missions Association, gave the opening address on Monday evening and Kenneth Adams, of the Christian Literature Crusade, brought a stirring message on Tuesday evening to a large and appreciative audience.

Two business sessions were held on Tuesday and the Committee on Evangelical Missionary Literature was formally organized. The executive committee elected to direct its activities for the first year is composed of Sidney Correll, chairman; Henry Wagoner, vice-chairman; Clyde W Taylor, secretary-treasurer; and Reu



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The Committee for Evangelical Missionary Literature has an interesting program of activities outlined for it. The newly elected executive committee at its meeting in New York City on April 8 will appoint a Publications Review Committee for the purpose of reviewing the available literature for its orthodoxy and Spanish language presentation. After this review work is completed the Publications Review Committee will issue a Bulletin of Information recommending to its constituency only those books and publications that ring true to the Word of God, and that are written in proper grammatical manner in the Spanish language. As new books and publications appear and are approved by this Publications Review Committee they will be recommended in supplements to the Bulletin of Information.

It is planned to open depots or book stores in the key cities of Latin America where the only books and publications to be handled will be those which are thoroughly fundamental and true to the teaching of God's Word. The Literature Missionaries to be sent out will manage these depots or book stores.

PERSONALIA

Harold John Ockenga of Park Street Church, Boston, will be a summer preacher in the pulpit of Westminster Chapel, London, made famous by Dr. G. Campbell Morgan.

Charles P. Eisenmeyer, who recently resigned as executive director of the Gideons, International, has accepted the presidency of the Christian Home League. He is now at work on the Pacific Coast.

Enock C. Dyrness, registrar of Wheaton College, was recently honored by the trustees, faculty and staff members at a recognition dinner. He has completed twenty years at Wheaton. Dr. Dyrness is chairman of the NAE Commission on Christian Educational Institutions.

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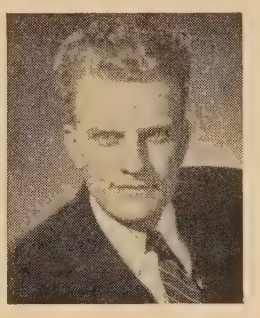

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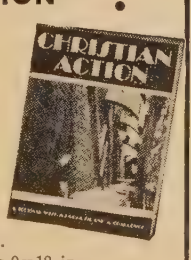

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of Oriental Studies in the American University at Cairo, Egypt died of cerebral hemorrhage March 9.

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Anders Nygren of Lund, Sweden president of the Lutheran World Federation, is touring denominational strongholds in the interests of his work.

I. L. Yearby, minister of Trinity Baptist Church, Oklahoma City, recently closed a revival meeting for Baptist Tabernacle, Atlanta, Ga., in which 13 were added to the church.

Oscar C. Hanson, executive secretary of the Young People's Luther League of the Evangelical Lutheran Church has resigned to accept a call to the presidency of Lutheran Bible Institute.

Eugen Gerstenmaier, director of Hilfswerk, the relief agency of the Evangelical Church in Germany, is in the United States on a tour sponsored by the National Lutheran Council and the Missouri Synod.

T. Christie Innes, general secretary of the American Tract Society, has accepted the pastorate of Calvary Presbyterian Church, San Francisco.

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Book Chat

(Continued from page 12)

knowledge of the Bible is not less effective because its systematic formulation is contrasted effectively with current metaphysical speculations, for too often the Biblical terminology is invoked in devotion to non-Biblical philosophy and the student not skilled in such distinctions is at a disadvantage.

In view of the mid-century tensions, it is curious that the relation of revelation and reason is dismissed in a single page; the neo-orthodox views are not treated. The theistic proofs are argued without adequate reference to competing interpretations of the same data; the evolutionary insistence of "immanent teleology" is not argued. There is hardly a reference to the Gifford Lectures in the treatment of natural theology. The discussion of evolution is hurried; there is no notice of the movement from Darwinianism to emergent evolution, nor a well-argued refutation of theistic evolution. Personality is designated as the very essence of God's being, but personalistic idealism which begins from this premise is not treated; cur

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usly, idealism is dismissed under "antitheistic eories." The treatment of the attributes gives special attention to current problem centers, the infinity of God. The section on Christol- gy does not come to grips with the assump- ons which resulted in liberalist acceptance of humanitarian Jesus, though it does champion rmly the Chalcedonian Christology.

The sources quoted are largely past-generation urces.

On Satanology, the development of Ezekiel 8 and Isaiah 14 leaves something to be desired. he chapter on "the Satanic cosmos" has many ne antidotes to evolutionary optimism, but oes not bring into sufficient prominence the rdship of Christ. Satanology gets 79 pages, hristology 78, thus far. The section on nthropology does not vitally grapple with the gument over the antiquity of man. The refer- nce to man's "material part" and "immaterial art," doubtless unintentionally, suggests some- ing less than a true unity. Dr. Chafer de- ares for the traducian theory of the soul's rigin. The discussion of Hamartiology, again, kes no cognizance of recent views associated ith Brunner and Niebuhr.

For all this, it is refreshing to find, amidst ne modern theological flux, so clear-cut an sistence upon God's special, self-revelation, the erbal-plenary inspiration of the Scriptures, reation the primal perfection and fall of man, ne abnormality of man's present relation to od, imputation, and the need of redemption. he volumes belong on every evangelical's eading list; it is time the notion that systematic heology is a ministerial prerogative only, or orse yet a ministerial luxury, was dispelled. —*Carl F. H. Henry.*

"Fundamentals of Faith." J. A. Edgren (translated by J. O. Backlund). 207 pgs. Baptist Conference Press. $2.00.

This is a theologically-conservative systematic heology, in a popular expository mood, which irst appeared in 1890, then was revised, and ow is presented to English readers by the Swedish Baptists as one of a number of trans- ations being prepared with a view to the 1952 entennial anniversary of the beginning of Swedish Baptist work on our continent. The reat evangelical fundamentals are here, and re firmly championed by most Swedish Bap- ists—300 churches, 41,000 members in this ountry. The volume is not at all oriented to

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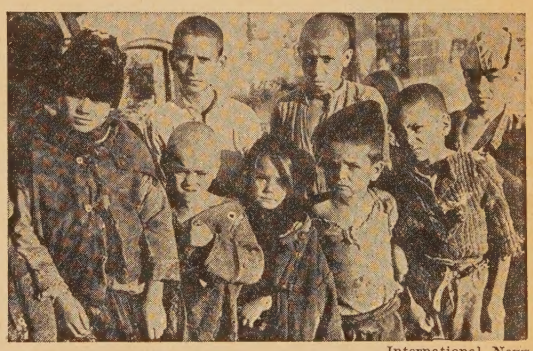

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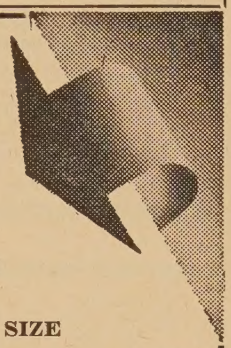

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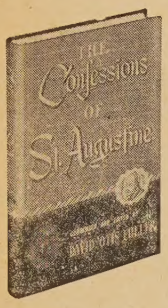

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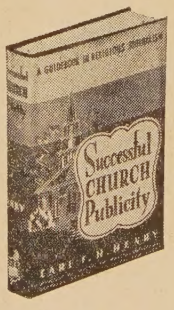

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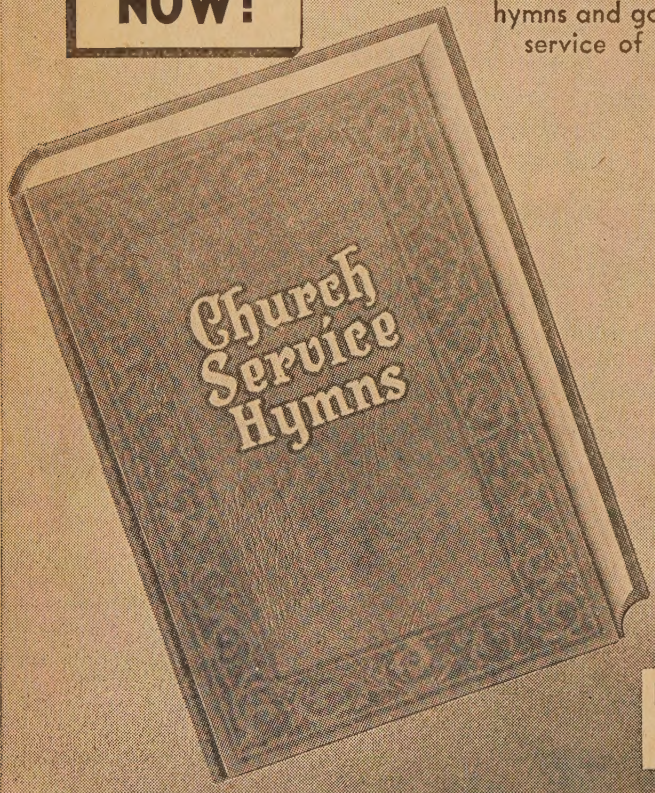

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